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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of February 15, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 15, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1-8 and 10-20 are pending in this application. Claims 13 and 18-19 have been amended. Claims 1, 8 and 13 are the only independent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 18-19 are objected to for a certain informality. In response, claims 18-19 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 18-19 has been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 and 10-12 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-8 and 10-12 are allowed.

In the Final Office Action, claims 13-18 and 20 are rejected

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under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 6,607,293 (Sanuki). Further, claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanuki in view of U.S. 5,893,632 (Kusagaya). It is respectfully submitted that claims 13-18 and 20 are patentable over Sanuki and Kusagaya for at least the following reasons.

Sanuki is directed to an electric lamp 1 insertable into a socket 20 as shown in FIG 5. As recited on column 5, lines 47-49, upon insertion of the lamp 1 into the socket 20, contacts 27a are brought into contact with conductors 7. As clearly shown in FIG 5, the contacts 27a and conductors 7 are parallel to the longitudinal axis of the lamp.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 13, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis added):

a base for holding the burner, wherein said base includes at least one stud projecting away from said base, and at least one lug projecting transversely from a longitudinal axis of said base and being configured for electrical connection with contacts of a housing.

These features are nowhere taught or suggested in Sanuki.

Kusagaya is cited in rejecting dependent claim 19 to allegedly show

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other features, and does not remedy this deficiency in Sanuki.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 13 is allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, as claims 14-20 depend from independent claim 13, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 14-20 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to

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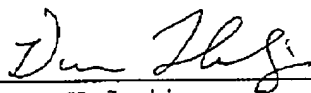
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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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